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"GOD WITH US."

During the late war the Germans were obsessed with the notion that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was going before their armies and blessing them while they devastated Belgium and northern France. The execution of Edith Cavell and Captain Fryatt were supposed to be pleasing to the deity.

Jupiter Tonans, however, seems to have had little respect for Teuton dreams. It has become known only recently that the huge statue of Germania which stands in the public square in Strasburg commemorating the victory of the Prussians in 1870, and the foundation of the empire of the Hohenzollerns, was shattered by lightning in August, 1918, when the Allied armies were driving the Germans before them all along the western front. The stroke of lightning, now regarded as symbolic of the approaching fate of the German armies, caused consternation among the superstitious Germans, and their authorities at Strasburg decreed that absolute silence be kept regarding it. No one was allowed to see the monument thereafter except workmen who were at once employed to repair it. The lightning struck the sword which Germania brandishes toward heaven. The imperial eagle was damaged and the angel of war, which stands at the foot of the statue was wrecked.

MOB LAWLESSNESS

There has long been a standing indictment against the Southern States because a negro's assault upon a white woman there almost invariably followed by a lynching. "But," as the Baltimore News says, "Nebraska is not a Southern State, and the mob which ran riot in Omaha showed itself far more brutal, infinitely more dangerous, than any of recent years in any section of the country. The city's new courthouse was set afire, and it was no fault of the mob that hundreds did not perish in the flames. The Mayor of the city was seriously injured when an attempt to lynch him followed his appeal to the mob to disperse. Men were beaten and shot; property was damaged.

"This sort of culmination of unrest is extremely dangerous, not only to the sphere immediately affected but to the whole country. The moral, if there be one, is that State and municipal authorities should bear in mind that the times are abnormal and be vigilant and firm in the maintenance of order. "Mob psychology" is dangerous when it starts running amuck. The time to put a damper on it is before it flares up. There is considerable reason to believe that a good part of the trouble is that police departments let unruly crowds get out of hand when a show of firmness would disperse them and avert danger."

THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER

A correspondent of a Richmond paper recently said:
"I listened to a very interesting controversy the other day in regard to the efficacy of prayer. One man maintained that there never was

any direct answer to prayer; that he who prayed talked to a blank stone wall, and that no answer ever came back, save that of echo or retroaction. The other held that the Great Spirit that presides over the destinies of the universe does, in some way, listen to the individual prayers of his creatures, and that he sometimes answers them, although not perhaps in the form and way prayed for, but for the better benefit of his suppliant."

One of the most spiritual and suggestive books we ever read is a volume entitled "The Power of the Book of Psalms." The author shows that the greatest men of the world have drawn their inspiration from the one hundred and fifty psalms, which are, in the main, prayers.

The first thirteen are earnest supplications for immediate aid, at a time when the thoughtless and scoffing, enjoying blessings which they are abusing, are disposed to taunt the man who confides in his Creator. Realizing the fact that invocations have entered into the ears of the God of Sabaoth, the psalmist breaks out in the fourteenth selection with the words: "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

As suggested above, prayers are not always answered in our way, but in a manner best suited to our condition and in accordance with the will of heaven. Besides it seems that our requests pass through the hands of a divine censor. Listen! "The spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the spirit because he maketh intercession, according to the will of God."

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AND THE STRIKE

From Allentown, Bethlehem and other places in that district comes the report that public sentiment is very strongly against the strike at the Bethlehem Steel Works.

As a contemporary says, "it is not hard to believe this, because people of that section are conservative and in the mood for reconstruction rather than industrial turmoil. But there is another reason, and it is that many of those who have been foremost in fomenting this trouble have dubious war records. It is recalled that there was a spasmodic strike of a certain number of the men during the war—a strike that threatened to interfere with the speedy filling of munition orders. The patriotic people of the Bethlehem held a public meeting at which they demanded that those who refuse to stay at work making the munitions

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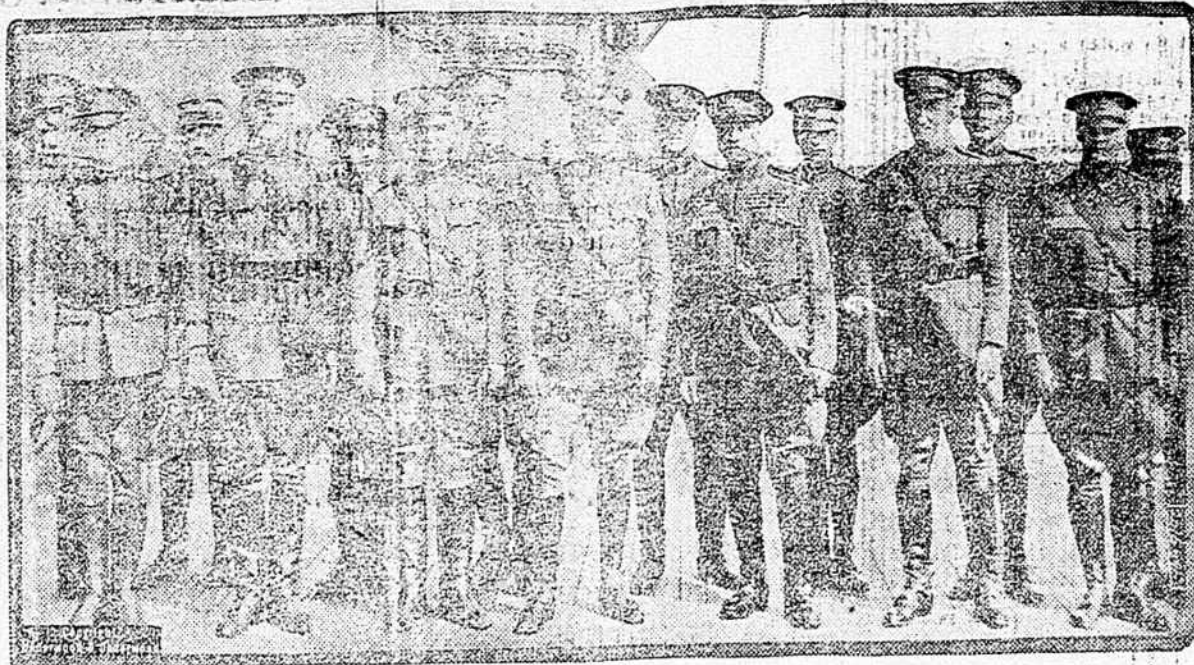
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GENERAL PERSHING AND HIS STAFF ON THEIR RETURN



Gen. John J. Pershing, commander in chief of American expeditionary forces, and his complete staff which fought with him through the war, photographed just before they landed from the Leviathan at Hoboken.

of war be drafted into the army to help do the fighting. The effect was electrical. These men who were making eight dollars a day in the mills talked at the notion of fighting for civilization for a dollar a day, and the strike quickly ended. If, as alleged, the agitators of that period engineered the strike of today it is not hard to understand why it is unpopular with the thrifty, hard working population of the Lehigh Valley."

SERVICE MEN AS POLICE

An echo of the policemen's strike at Boston comes in the announcement that service men are applying for positions on the force and that quite a number have already been appointed and have been sworn in for duty. Soldiers, sailors and marines have answered the advertise-

ment of the Police Commissioner, and have shown an eager desire to go on the force. Under the law these men are entitled to preference and their discharge papers are accepted as evidence of their availability. They are given non-competitive examinations by the Civil Service Commission, and then placed upon the list of eligibles. On account of the vacancies caused by the strike many positions have been open, and as a consequence all who pass the needed tests are quickly appointed.

Not the least gratifying part of the business is the fact that the men have a sense of patriotism and loyalty that is peculiarly required in the work of guarding a great city. Their oath of office means something to them. Moreover, men who attacked the Hindenburg line fearlessly are not likely to be scared by

burglars and criminals.—(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

PLOTTER SENTENCED

"Count" Loudon Gets Three Years For Attempted Forgery.

New York, Sept. 30.—"Count" Max Lynar Loudon, a former German agent, who included among his exploits a plot to kidnap President Wilson and invade Canada with 150,000 German reservists, was sentenced to three years in Sing Sing prison yesterday for attempted forgery. The "count" was recently released from the same prison, where he spent his time since April 1916, serving an indeterminate sentence for bigamy.

When he was not engaged on his plot to invade Canada, Loudon occupied himself with promoting a company to manufacture an "unsinkable" ship

he claimed to have invented. He succeeded in interesting several financiers in this project, among them William Bernard, president of the International Salt Company and director of the Irving National Bank. Later Mr. Bernard swore out a warrant for his arrest after he learned that Loudon was trying to influence other financiers by exhibiting a check for \$10,000 to which he had signed the banker's name.

Loudon was always a "count" during his American career, but the remainder of his name changed as fancy or circumstances dictated. He was successively known as Count Albert Mariel De Passy, Count Gebhard von Blucher and Count Chimung.

LABOR INVITES COMPACT

Atlantic City, Sept. 30.—New Jersey is to take the lead among the States in a campaign to bring capital and labor together. For the first time in the history of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor, manufacturers and large employers of labor have been invited to address the annual convention of the organization, which begins here yesterday.

Announcement of the program to employers and workmen to aid future troubles was made by Federation executives. There will be more than 400 delegates present.

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Today, thirteen years later, the Order is composed of 725,332 members, and 1,635 lodges. The lodges of the Order pay both disability benefits and funeral expenses. Besides that, every Moose is entitled to the service rendered by Mooseheart if it is needed. The Moose is by far the most advanced fraternity, for it does what no other Order has attempted. It provides for the fatherless children of its members.

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Encouraging Bolshevism

Everything that falsely encourages unrest also encourages bolshevism.

Misunderstanding of American industrial organization, and of its benefits to mankind, leads to unrest, dissatisfaction, and radicalism.

For example, the Federal Trade Commission tells the public that the large packers had an agreed price for lard substitute (made of cotton-seed oil.)

It reproduces letters taken from the files of one of the packers, showing that such agreed price existed.

But it failed to mention that the agreed price was determined at the request of and in co-operation with the Food Administration!

Even the Department of Justice, in its unjust attempt to create prejudice against the packers, has made public these same letters, with no explanation.

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